

REMARKS

The present filing is responsive to the Office Action.

Summary of the Response

Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 15 has been canceled. New claims 20 and 21 have been added. Claims 1-14 and 16-21 remain pending in this application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application as amended are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7-10 and 15.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 has been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 103

Claims 1-6, 11-14 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,844,175 by (Nakanishi et al.) in view of US Patent No. 5,153,572 (Caldwell et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicant does not agree with the rejection, in the interest of forwarding this case to early allowance, Applicant amended claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 15. As such, claim 1 as amended, and all claims dependent therefrom, should now be allowable.

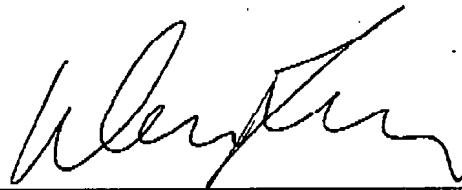
New Claims

New claims 20 and 21 have been added to round out the coverage of the present invention. New claim 20 essentially includes the allowable subject matter of claim 7 indicated by the Examiner, without limitations not deemed to be necessary for distinguishing from the cited references. Specifically, new claim 20 recites the grounding structure for a first substrate. New claim 21 recites the grounding structure on a second substrate.

CONCLUSION

In view of all the foregoing, Applicant submits that the claims pending in this application are patentable over the references of record and are in condition for allowance. Such action at an early date is earnestly solicited. **The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative to discuss any outstanding issues that may not have been adequately addressed in this response.**

Respectfully submitted,



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